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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announces the arrest today of Homero B. Dominguez, age 36 of Annandale, Virginia, on a federal charge of immigration fraud for counterfeiting green cards, work permits, and social security cards. Mr. Dominguez immigrated to the United States from Guatemala. If found guilty, he faxes a maximum sentence of ten years imprisonment.

In particular, Dominguez is alleged to have run a fraudulent document mill from his home in Annandale. In return for a fee of approximately \$100 per card, Dominguez produced counterfeit green cards (known as alien registration receipt cards), work permits (known as employment authorization documents), and social security cards for sale to immigrants in the Northern Virginia area. The cards appeared genuine to the untrained eye, but were in fact counterfeit. Dominguez also produced New York State Driver's Licenses.

Dominguez was arrested at his residence without incident, at which time agents seized \$5,000 in cash, a computer, scanner, a firearm and a Toyota Takoma truck from the residence. In addition, agents seized, pursuant to a court order, approximately \$21,000 from bank accounts held by Dominguez. This money is a portion of the proceeds netted through his illegal activity.

This case is the result of a twelve-month investigation by a task force of state and federal law enforcement agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Social Security Administration, and the Fairfax County Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Erik R. Barnett is prosecuting the case for the government.